Garlic Problems




Garlic is normally trouble-free. There are however two diseases which you may find symptoms of on your garlic crop - rust and white rot. Rust appears as rusty coloured spots on the leaves and there is no cure apart from avoiding growing garlic in the same place for 3 years (6 years for white rot). Infection is worse on nitrogen-rich soils with low potassium, so take care with fertiliser applications. Do not crowd plants as this raises humidity and increases the likelihood of infection. Dispose of all plant debris at the end of cropping.

Garlic can also be affected by white rot, which decays the roots and eventually the bulb. Again there is no cure apart from crop rotation.